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Historic grazing permits restored after five decades



Health, Education, and Human Services Committee Chair Vince James celebrated the achievement of restored grazing permits to heirs within the Jeddito region.

JEDDITO, Ariz.— In a momentous decision marking a turning point in Navajo Nation history, eight heirs to grazing permits within the Jeddito region have been officially approved to receive their family permits, previously revoked more than 50 years ago. The approvals were confirmed during Phase 2 of the review process under Resolution RDCF-20-17.

The historic announcement was shared by Delegate James and Mr. Jerome Pete, the Jeddito Grazing Official, following the Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL) Review Team meeting. The decision restores a vital piece of heritage and sustenance for these families, reaffirming their ancestral rights and connection to their land.

“This is a day to celebrate resilience and justice and thrilled to announce the approval of these grazing permits,” said Delegate James. “This is not just an administrative victory but a powerful statement of the Navajo Nation’s commitment to preserving our families’ ties to the land and our culture.”

The revocation of grazing permits in 1973, largely attributed to land disputes, led to decades of displacement and loss for many Navajo families. Resolution RDCF-20-17, passed to address these injustices, has laid the groundwork for rightful heirs to reclaim their permits through a rigorous review process.

Delegate James added, "The resolution reflects the Navajo Nation's ongoing efforts to resolve longstanding issues with fairness and dignity while supporting cultural preservation and the economic needs of the community."

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